(b) if so, whether disciplinary proceedings against employees can be initiated after expiry of fifteen years in place of ten years on the basis of declaredly 'Not preserved' records of category;

(c) if so, the relevant provisions; and

(d) if not, the remedies available to the aggrieved ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Guidelines have been laid down in the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) regarding preservation of files/records under 'C' category. This category includes files of secondary importance having reference value for a limited period not exceeding ten years. All recorded files under category 'C' are required to be reviewed on the expiry of the specified retention period and weeded out unless there are sufficient grounds warranting their further retention.

(b) to (d) The records can be weeded out in accordance with the instructions contained in the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP. The Manual does not have any provision for initiating disciplinary proceedings for violation of these instructions. However, as in case of non-compliance with other government instructions, any breach of these provisions also may attract appropriate disciplinary proceedings. Besides, the Public Records Act, 1993 also provides for punishment for unlawful destruction of public records.

APDRP corpus

1121. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under APDRP corpus, an outlay of Rs.40,000 crore has been earmarked for electrification purposes;

(b) if so, how much amount is likely to be paid to the State Governments during the current fiscal year for purchase and erection of energy meters;

(c) what are the details of funds allocated to various electricity utility companies in the State of Karnataka during the last one year; and

(d) the names of the firms to whom orders for purchase of energy meters have been placed with number of meters to each manufacturer by the various DSCOMS in the State of Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. Out of the Rs.20,000 crores earmarked for the investment component and another Rs.20,000 crores towards the incentive component in the Tenth Five Year Plan, the actual level of funding under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) is through budgetary support on yearly basis would be based on the need, utilization and availability of funds.

(b) Government of India have sanctioned projects amounting to Rs. 2968.05 crores for metering under APDRP so far.

(c) During 2002-03, projects amounting to Rs,364.45 crores, Rs.72.21 crores, Rs. 518.43 crores and Rs. 206.10 crores were sanctioned under APDRP to BESCOM, GESCOM, HESCOM and MESCOM respectively.

(d) No orders have been placed for purchases of energy meters.

REC Funds to Andhra Pradesh

1122. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMf REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,100 crores to the Andhra Pradesh Government for the year 2003-04 to take up improvement works including electrification of 5,050 habitations;

(b) if so, whether some other State have also been provided aid by the Corporation;

(b) if so, what is the total number of States and aid provided so far by this Corporation;

(d) to what extent these States have fully utilized this aid;

(e) what was the total loan provided to these States by the Corporation during 2002-03; and

(f) to what extent they have utilized the amount?